



43rd NS14 Australian Championship

Cronulla Sailing Club

27th December 2011 – 3rd January 2012

The NS14 Association of NSW Inc, on behalf of the NS14 Association of Australia Inc, invites entries to the 2011-12 NS14 Australian Championship

NOTICE OF RACE

1 VENUE & ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority is Cronulla Sailing Club (CSC), which is located at 50 Waratah Street, Cronulla, NSW.

2 RULES

The Championship will be governed by the rules as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

3 ADVERTISING

Advertising will be restricted to the requirements of ISAF Regulation 20.

Competitors may be required to display Event sponsor's name(s)/logo(s). If required, the Organising Authority will supply these items and they shall be affixed and/or worn as prescribed in the Sailing Instructions.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 No boat may score points unless:

- a) the boat is sailed by a crew of two persons, both people being financial members of a club affiliated with Yachting Australia or any of its members for the 2011/2012 season
- b) at least one member of the crew is a financial member, approved by the Management Committee of the NSW NS14 Association of NSW Inc, of a State or Territory NS14 Association for the 2011/2012 season; and
- c) the remaining crew, if not a member as defined in 4.1b above and if approved by the Management Committee of the NSW NS14 Association of NSW Inc, agrees to become an associate member of the association for this regatta.

4.2 Entries must be completed on the prescribed entry form, accompanied by the prescribed entry fee and either forwarded to the Race Secretary at the address below or emailed with direct deposit as per details below no later than 3rd December 2011.

Post Race Secretary NS14 Association of NSW Inc. Unit 5 / 55 Willarong Rd Caringbah 2229 Cheques payable to the NS14 Association of NSW Inc.	Email entry form to barracouta@bigpond.com EFT or Bank entry fee to: NS14 Association of NSW Inc. BSB# 112-879 - St George Bank Acct# 039588892 <i>Put your boat number in the reference field</i>
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4.3 Late entries will be accepted up until Monday December 19th. Late entries may not receive any promotional material or shirts. No entries will be accepted after this date without prior approval of the Race Secretary.

5 FEES

The entry fee for the Championship is \$150 for entries received before 3rd December 2011.

Late entries will be accepted up until the close of registration but will incur an additional penalty fee of \$50.

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6.1 Registration

Entrants must register with the Race Secretary at Race Headquarters either on Tuesday 27th December 2011 between 1100 and 1600 hours or on Wednesday 28th December 2011 between 1000 and 1200hours. Skipper and crew must attend registration.

6.2 Entrants' Briefings

A Championship briefing will be held at 1230 hours on Wednesday 28 December 2011 at race headquarters. Skipper and crew are required to attend this briefing.

Further briefings may be held each day of racing. All briefings will be held at race headquarters.

6.3 Race Programme

	Date	Warning Signal	
		Earliest	Latest
Invitation Race	27 December 2011	1430hrs	
Race Session 1	28 December 2011	1430hrs	
Race Session 2	29 December 2011	1400hrs	
Race Session 3	30 December 2011	1400hrs	
Race Session 4	31 December 2011	1300hrs	1530hrs
Layday	1 January 2012		
Race Session 5	2 January 2012	1400hrs	
Race Session 6	3 January 2012	1200hrs	1400hrs

Resails will be scheduled at the discretion of the Race Committee.

7 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT

Only one set of spars and foils can be declared for use in the Championship. 2 jibs and 1 mainsail can be declared for use in the Championship. Measurement forms for all declared sails and spars must be in the hands of the appropriate State or Territory Association Measurer by the close of registration.

All boats must conform to the NS14 class rules.

Replacement of individual sails, spars and foils which are damaged may be permitted only with the written approval of the Race Committee.

Competing boats shall be available for inspection or measurement by the NSW Measurer or his representative at any time during the Championship. Boats may be weighed.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at race headquarters from 1100 hours on Tuesday 27th December 2011.

9 VENUE

The primary racing area will be on the waters of Bate Bay with a secondary area in the Port Hacking estuary. The racing area is illustrated in Figure 1.

The rigging area is the hardstand area and deck to the front and side of CSC. Race headquarters will be in the room next to the canteen. Parking is available in the Council boat trailer park and in the streets behind the club and around the school. Trailer parking is available in the grounds of Cronulla Public School. Most boats will be able to be left overnight in the club compound.

10 COURSES

Courses in the primary area will comprise of triangles/windward/returns as described in the sailing instructions. The target race time for the long course for the first boat to finish will be approximately one (1) hour and 45 minutes. The target race time for the short course for the first boat to finish will be approximately one (1) hour. Courses in the secondary area will be as described in the sailing instructions. Back to back racing will be at the discretion of the Race Committee.

11 SCORING

11.1 A maximum of ten (10) races are scheduled of which five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

11.2 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

When from six to seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

When eight or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

11.3 Handicap scoring will be maintained for the Championship. An initial handicap estimate will be made for each boat based on previous Championship/Series results and or club performance.

If a handicap cannot be determined for a boat from history then an initial handicap will be determined based on the boats first 3 races or a number to be determined by the Race Committee.

12 SAFETY REGULATIONS

The attention of all entrants is drawn to Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 2 which shall apply.

13 PRIZES

A Presentation of Trophies will be held at CSC from 1800 hours on 3rd January 2012. Prizes to be awarded include:

1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Scratch

1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Handicap

Female Skipper (best female skipper on scratch)

Junior Skipper (best skipper aged under 19 years on scratch)

Classic Division (Aero 8 or equivalent and prior) - 1st, 2nd & 3rd on scratch

Further scratch and handicap prizes may be issued, dependent on the number of entrants in the Championship. Female Skipper and Junior Skipper are also eligible for overall Scratch prizes.

Category prizes to be awarded include:

Heavyweight (Combined crew weight of over 140kgs)

Jack & Jill (male/female crew)

Veteran Skipper (aged over 50 years)

Family Crew (family crew)

Husband & Wife Crew (husband/wife crew)

It should be noted that Scratch prize winners will not be eligible for Handicap prizes and Category prizes will not be awarded to Scratch or Handicap prize winners.

14 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance cover of not less than \$5 million per event or equivalent. All owners/entrants who sign the entry form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority, the NS14 Association of Australia Inc. and the NS14 Association of NSW Inc. will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please email barracouta@bigpond.com

FIGURE 1 – COURSE AREA



OTHER INFORMATION

Social

An outline of the social events is noted here but further details of the social events will be provided prior to the event.

Function	Date	Time	Venue
Welcome Function	27 Dec 2011	1730 hours	Cronulla Sailing Club
After race BBQ	28 Dec 2011	After racing	CSC deck/canteen
After race BBQ	29 Dec 2011	After racing	CSC deck/canteen
After race BBQ	30 Dec 2011	After racing	CSC deck/canteen
New Years Eve	31 Dec 2011	various	
After race BBQ	2 Jan 2012	After racing	CSC deck/canteen
Presentation Dinner	3 Jan 2012	1800 hours	Cronulla Sailing Club

Sailors Meeting

A Sailors Meeting will be held at CSC as soon as possible after sailing on 30th December 2011. All sailors are requested to attend this meeting.